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Economy, Air Force to benefit from alliance

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BROOKS CITY BASE, Texas — The Air Force Research Laboratory's 311th Human Systems Wing recently joined forces with Brooks City-Base Foundation to improve San Antonio's economy, define new technologies to assist the Air Force in defending our country, and help develop new businesses at Brooks City-Base.

The Partnership Intermediary Agreement became official on April 12. It follows months of efforts between the Air Force and community leaders to create a formal relationship between the Air Force, San Antonio businesses, and universities as they collectively work toward creating new markets through technology transfer, commercialization and dual-use technologies. The alliance will enhance Air Force and DoD mission capabilities while helping to develop San Antonio-based high-tech science, engineering, medical and educational initiatives.

Dr. Hendrick Ruck, Director of the Air Force Research Laboratory's Human Effectiveness Directorate, said AFRL's assets at Brooks are directly linked to the city's growing life sciences industry and the future development of university programs, which includes the South Texas Life Sciences Institute shared by the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and the University of Texas at San Antonio.

"This partnership will allow the pursuit of common interests that will leverage resources to make our organizations stronger," he said. "This is sure to be a partnership that will build the life sciences capability for all of San Antonio and will help develop new businesses at Brook City-Base. @